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Torlakson plans to push to raise gasoline tax

State needs to offset \$9 billion in lost taxes and Torlakson sees ten cent a gallon hike as a start.

Democratic state Senator Tom Torlakson said he plans to introduce a measure to raise the gasoline tax ten cents as he warned California is not investing enough in its infrastructure to stay competitive in a global economy.

Torlakson outlined a plan for an increase in the gasoline tax during the Kensington Improvement Club's annual town hall meeting Oct. 31. He said he would call for a five cent increase in the first year and a penny a gallon increase each year after that for five years.

He noted that between \$5 billion in tax cuts and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's

repeal of a controversial \$4 billion increase in the state's vehicle registration fees, the state has seen the elimination of \$9 billion in revenues compared to 1994.

While he said he is supportive of efforts to eliminate fraud, waste and abuse, they alone won't be enough to raise the money needed to adequately rebuild our highways, strengthen the University of California and make other investments.

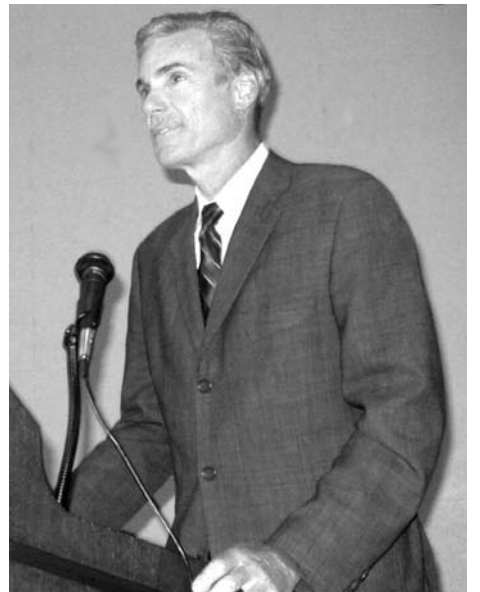
"We are not making the level of investment we need to make," he said. "We could clear out all of the dead wood and we still are not investing enough."

Supervisor John Gioia also addressed the crowd of about 100 people. He said he expected Kensington's long-awaited planning ordinance to pass the Board of

Supervisors at the end of November and for it to be in effect by mid-January. The Kensington-only planning ordinance is designed to balance the rights of property owners with those of neighbors who may have their privacy, views or light affected by new construction or renovations.

Gioia also reported that county legal staff reviewed Kensington's proposed noise ordinance and sent it back saying the language was too vague. The county suggested Kensington use Trinity County's noise ordinance as a basis for a new draft.

Police chief Barry Garfield reported that Kensington experienced a 50 percent drop in the number of auto thefts during 2004. He attributed the drop to a more aggressive effort by police to make contact with suspicious people during the graveyard shift.



Pumped about gas tax: Sen. Tom Torlakson



THE INCREDIBLES: Patty Coluse and Laurie Ushigusa, co-chairs of this year's Garden Party, raise a glass to each other in recognition of a job well done. The two stand in front of a poster for Pixar's *The Incredibles*, part of a package that included a behind-the-scenes tour of the famed animation studio in Emeryville.

Auction Heroes

It was a night out on the town that featured local chefs, free flowing wine and an opportunity for people to bid on everything from classroom art to Picasso.

When the final tally comes in, this year's Garden Party is expected to have raised between \$75,000 and \$80,000 to support art, science, computer and reading programs at the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. Grubb Co. Realtors sponsored the event held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley in Kensington.

The Garden Party, the single largest annual fundraiser for the Kensington Education Foundation accounts for about half the group's budget each year. Though

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EC Fire Dept. scores \$80,000 Homeland security grant

Fire fighters in El Cerrito and Kensington will breathe a little easier thanks to an \$82,000 from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security.

The grant will be used to upgrade the El Cerrito Fire Department's self-contained breathing apparatus. The equipment purchased through the grant will allow the department to complete a five-year effort under Chief Mark Scott to upgrade the fire department's units as well as provide new capabilities to the firefighters.

The department will use the funds to purchase 15 new air packs to upgrade the breathing equipment for firefighters on all front line

engines including Engine 65 in Kensington. The air packs include "heads-up" displays that allow firefighters to see how much air remains in their tank through their masks. Currently, firefighters rely on gauges on their tanks, which are worn on their backs.

The new equipment also includes a valve that allows other firefighters to quickly refill a tank from a remote location. An additional piece of equipment that is also being purchased through the grant allows firefighters to be fed air in confined space that are too small to permit the use of a tank.

"If you are equipping the firefighters with the newest equipment, it is making

them safer, which is our goal in a program like this," said Dave Gibson, battalion chief and fire marshal for the El Cerrito Fire Department. "If you are making them safer, you are making them better able to do their job and go out and perform their duties in the community."

The grant is the second that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded the El Cerrito Fire Department. The first grant for \$60,000 is being used to purchase a mobile classroom to educate the public about fire and earthquake safety. That mobile unit is currently being constructed and will be used at schools and public events.

Hanging up his guns



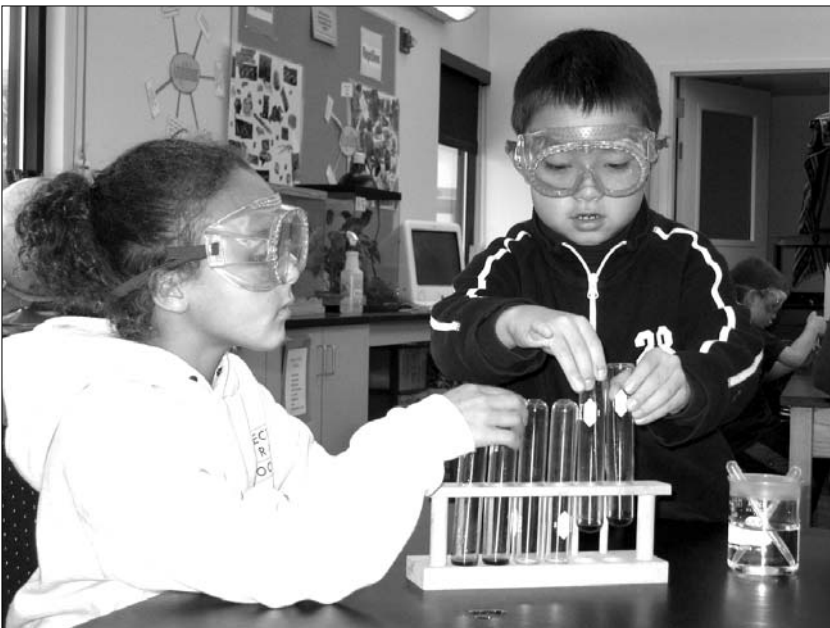
Sgt. Stephen Bray

Sgt. Stephen Bray retires this month after 24 years with the Kensington Police Department. His departure leaves two openings on the force.

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Suspect's health leads to investigation of officer

Authorities have launched an investigation into the circumstance surrounding the arrest in Kensington of a New Mexico man now in critical condition at Contra Costa County Hospital.

The man, 27, was one of three arrested at 3 a.m Nov. 16 after officer Kensington police officer Angela Escobar stopped a reportedly stolen vehicle. She arrested the three men for narcotics violations and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Escobar transported all three suspects to the Contra Costa County Jail in Martinez, but

upon arrival at the jail, police said one of the suspects became ill and was taken by ambulance to Contra Costa County Hospital. At press time he lay in a coma, and was not expected to live, according to police.

A spokesman for the Kensington Police Department said "our indication is that no force was used in the arrest."

The investigation is standard procedure under both the county's and Kensington Police Department protocols.

The Kensington Police Department said it did not place Escobar on administrative leave.

Hilltop's principal Nancy Kawata quits her job

Nancy Kawata, the principal of Kensington Hilltop Elementary School, resigned after less than a year on the job.

Her departure surprised teachers and parents and added to a tumultuous year for the school, which has been operating out of portable classrooms at Portola Middle School.

Kawata said she was leaving to take a job as principal in the Travis Unified School District where she worked prior to taking the job in Kensington.

The West Contra Costa Unified School District moved quickly to name Jonathan Stokes to replace her.

Stokes comes to Kensington from the Oak Grove Unified School District where he served at the district and school levels in



Nancy Kawata

various administrative and staff positions.

Prior to his four years of administrative experience, Stokes taught at the elementary and secondary levels.

He holds a B.A. in Liberal Studies and an M.A. in Elementary Education.

Kawata announced her decision at a staff meeting Nov. 15 and then sent home a letter with students later that week. The district named Stokes to the post three days later.

Unprovoked attack forces owner to euthanize dog

Johanna Mendelbaum had to euthanize her 15-year-old cocker spaniel mix Frisky after a mid-day walk ended with a sudden attack from a German shepherd.

The German shepherd from Albany, which was being watched by a woman on Trinity Ave., escaped from the yard and suddenly attacked Frisky without provocation, she said.

The larger dog grabbed Frisky by the neck, and according to Mendelbaum "shook him like a rag doll."

A passing motorist, who witnessed the attack, helped fend of the German shepherd, wrapped Frisky in a towel and loaded him into Mendelbaum's car. The dog was treated by a vet and released. Mendelbaum slept on a couch near her dog, but had to take him to the vet that night because he moaned in pain once drugs wore off.

Because of the severe injuries a vet euthanized the dog that evening.

Mendelbaum said both the owner of the dog and the woman who was taking care of him expressed remorse and have met with her. She said they settled the matter and she harbor's no ill-will.

She also said she told Contra Costa County Animal Control, which took the German shepherd for observation, that she did not want it destroyed.

"It was very tragic and very shocking. I had the dog for 15 years. He was very important to me," Mendelbaum said. "I'm very grateful to the Kensington community - all who knew Frisky. The outpouring -- it was like a human died -- flowers, telephone calls. He was a very beloved dog."

KPD's Bray retiring after 24 years on the force

Sgt. Stephen Bray will end 24-years of service with the Kensington Police Department when he retires this month.



Bray, the most senior person in the department, joined Sgt. Stephen Bray after serving as a reserve officer with the El Cerrito Police Department.

His departure comes as two other officers recently left the department, the first turnover in staff in nearly five years.

The department's hiring of officer Mark Greenwood filled one of the opening from the departure of officer Ed Lewandowski, who resigned in September. In November, officer Shelly Crain took a sergeant's position with the Clayton Police Department both to advance her career and work closer to her home.

The department is now interviewing candidates and plans to fill both openings.

Known as a quiet man with sly sense of humor, Bray became a sergeant in 1985 and has worked in every capacity within the department.

A resolution passed by the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District honored Bray for his long years of service. The resolution noted he often volunteered for extra duty and assignments and "served as an example to his peers and subordinates."

Bray's brother Jim Bray retired as chief of the department in 1999, but the sergeant did not seek the post himself.

As part of his duties Bray was responsible for overseeing the administrative aspects of the department including the communications and computer technology.

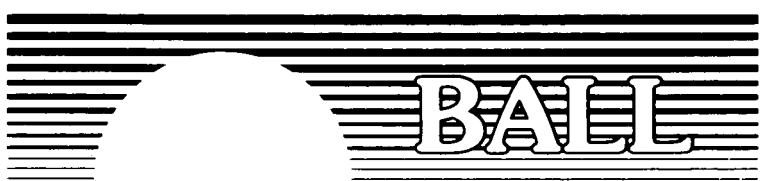
"We're all nervous about him leaving," said Sgt. Hussain Khan with a laugh. "He's the only one who know how to use the computer."

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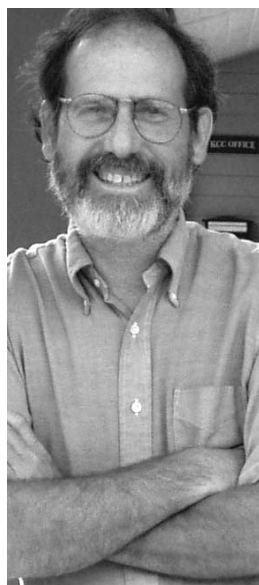
Neighborhood Notes

Kensington Improvement Club honors memory of Hansen, Loring and Barnwell



SITTING PRETTY: Kensington Improvement Club vice president Patrick Tahara during dedication ceremonies at Kensington Park following the group's annual town hall meeting. KIC honored the memory of Robert Hansen and Marianne Loring with the dedication of benches at Kensington Park in their names. The group also dedicated two cherry trees at the park in memory of Rosemary Barnwell. The group recognized all three for their long standing contributions to the community.

KCC holds its annual meeting of "K" groups



KCC President Don Specter

The Kensington Community Council, which oversees the Kensington After School Enrichment Program, adult education programs and publishes the *Kensington Outlook*, is inviting all community members to attend its annual meeting.

The council will hold its annual meeting, which will include presentations from a

number of community groups, at the Kensington Community Center in Kensington Park at 7:30 p.m. January 10.

Participating groups invited to present reports at the annual meeting include Boy Scout Troop 100, Cub Scout Pack 82, Girl Scouts, the Kensington Improvement Club, the Kensington Property Owners Associations, the Kensington School PTA and Dads' Club, Kensington Education Foundation, Kensington Nursery School, Arlington Community Church, the First Unitarian Church, the Friends of the Kensington Library and the senior center.

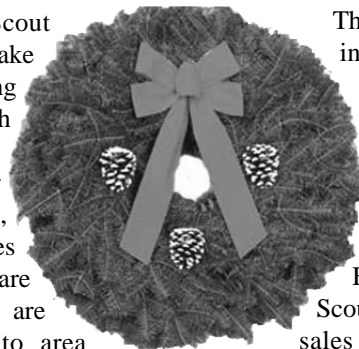
The council's nominating committee will also present a slate of officers at the meeting.

Groups interested in making a presentation should contact Helen Horowitz at 525-0292.

Kensington Boy Scouts offer holiday greenery

Kensington Boy Scout Troop 100, hoping to make its season bright, is holding its annual holiday wreath sale.

The 24-inch, noble fir and mixed green wreaths, decorated with pine cones and a red velvet bow, are \$20 each. The wreaths are available for delivery to area homes from November 26 through December 17.



This is the troop's only fundraising activity for the year. Proceeds from the wreath sales are used to underwrite troop activities such as camping trips, hikes and field trips.

To order a wreath for delivery to your home, call Ryan Fukumori at 527-9668. The Scouts will also be holding wreath sales in Kensington Village the Saturday, December 4 and Sunday December 5.

Kensington Library now makes house calls



The Kensington Library now has a volunteer taking part in the Contra Costa County Library's Books for the Homebound service.

The volunteer can check out and deliver books at no charge to library users residing in their own homes or in residential care facilities, who have no other means of receiving library materials. Library materials may be checked out for up to six weeks without accruing fines. To find out how you or someone you know can receive this service, please call the Kensington Library at 524-3043.

Holiday Run/Walk to Benefit Libraries

The Kiwanis Club of the Delta and Senator Tom Torlakson invite you to participate in the 28th Annual Holiday Run and Walk for Health on Saturday, December 11 in Antioch. This family event is one of the longest running fitness events in Northern California. It benefits youth programs, including the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Center, the high school Key Clubs, and other youth organizations. We are pleased that this year our branch libraries have been designated to receive some of the proceeds to help purchase books on health, nutrition, and physical fitness. For more information go to <http://ccclib.org/>.

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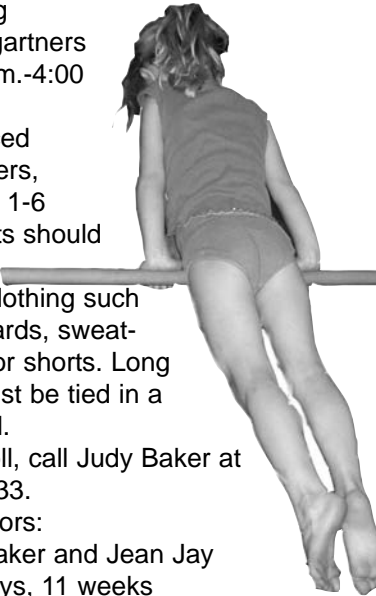
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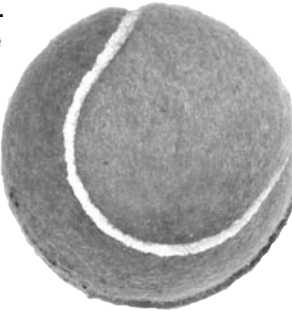
KASEP WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION

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Registration for the winter session was held in the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., on Tuesday, November 30.

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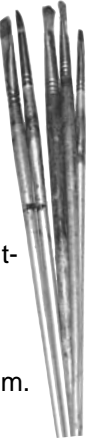
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Annual parade and picnic brings community together



Rain clouds cleared just in time for the Kensington Community Council's annual parade and picnic to be a big -- and dry -- success.

The Oct. 17 event raised more than \$2,500 to support education and recreation programs for the community, thanks largely to the generous support of The Mechanics Bank with additional support from Marvin Gardens Real Estate.



Community members, some donning their finest hats, gathered at the Kensington Community Center October 17 for a picnic following the Kensington Community Council's annual parade down Arlington Avenue. Pictured are attendees listening to the El Cerrito High School Marching Band (upper middle). The crew from the event's sponsor The Mechanics Bank, came out in full force to join in the festivities.

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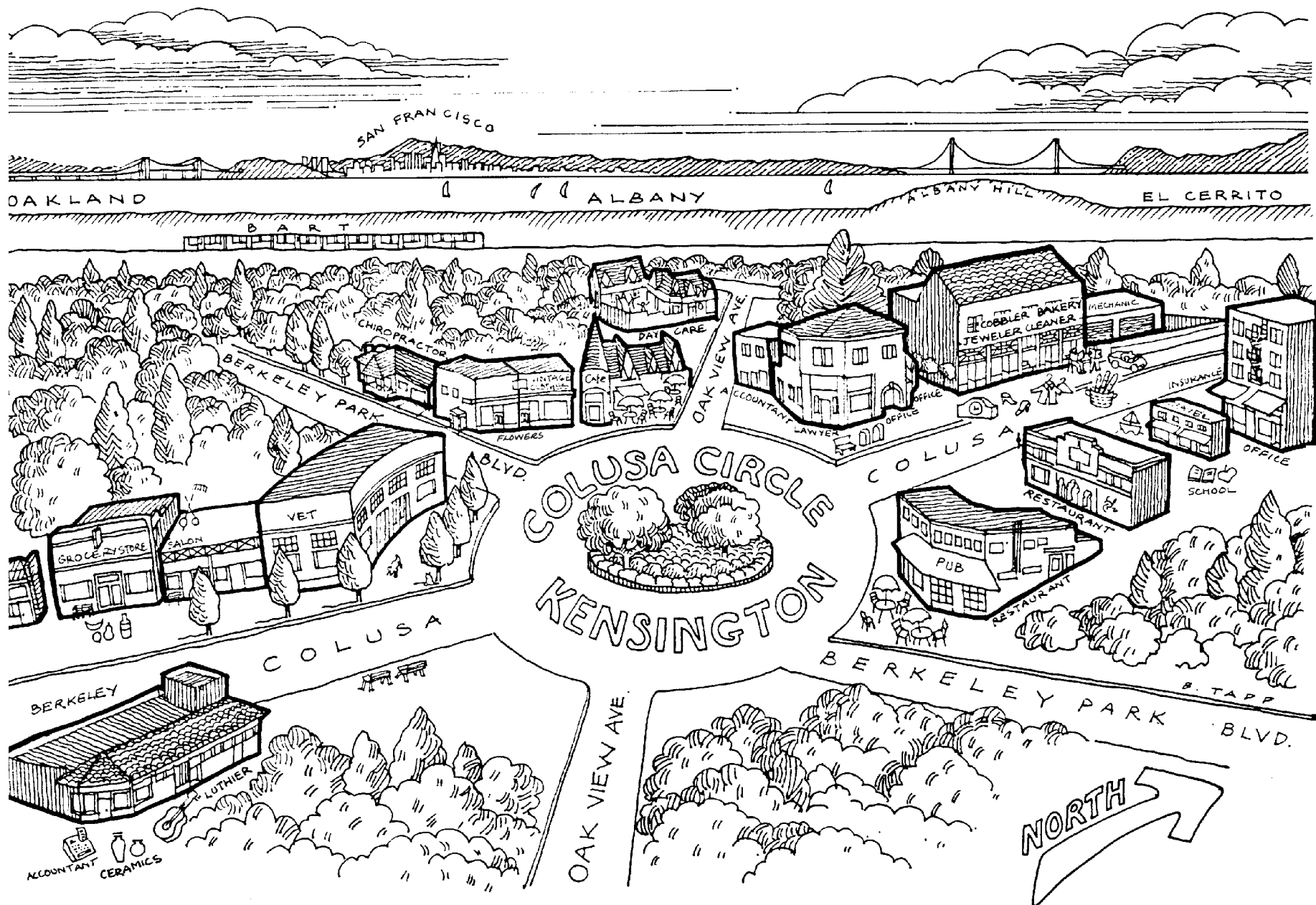
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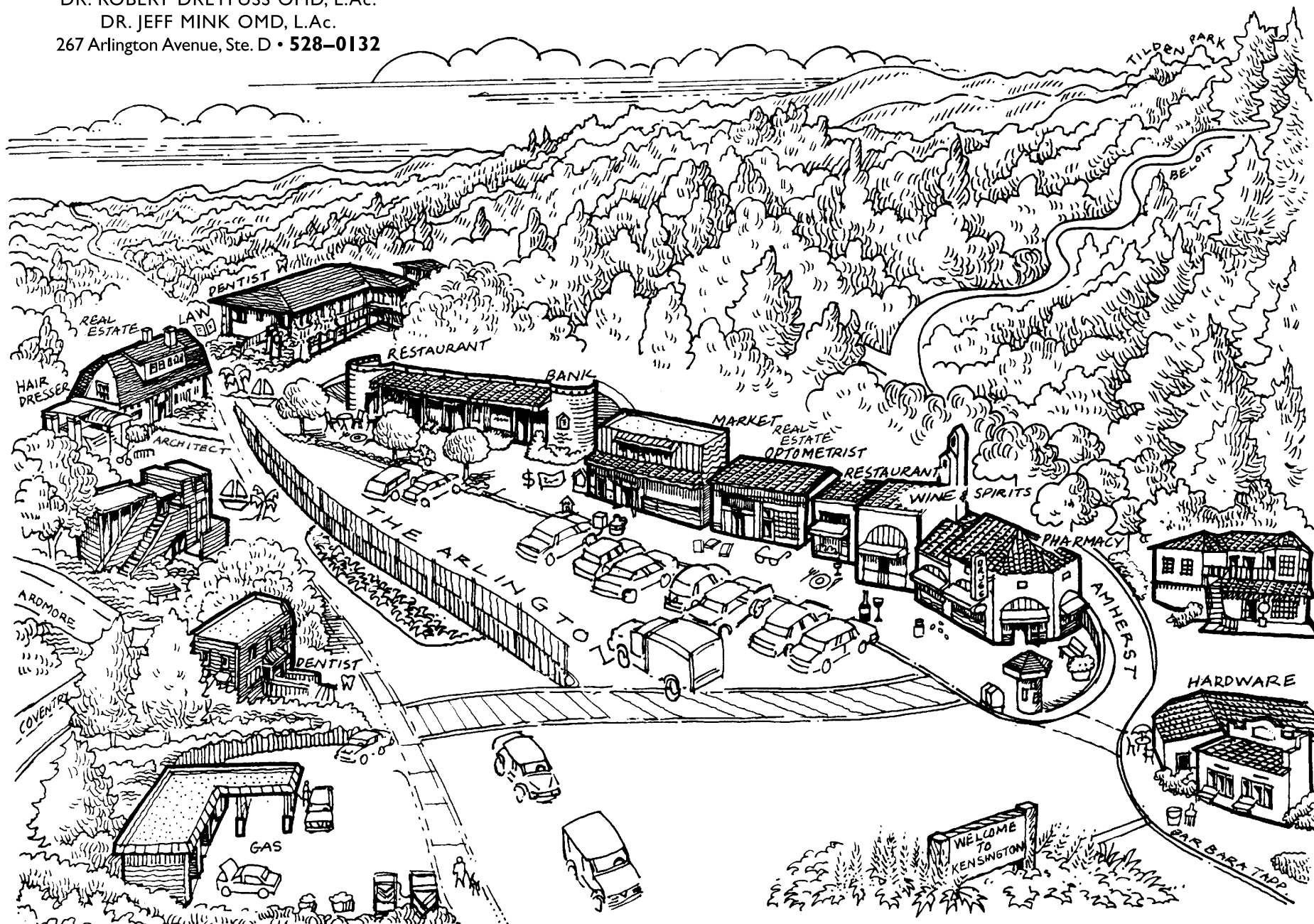
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Party: fundraiser delivers in a difficult year



Sold: KRON-TV's Jan Wahl auctions off a behind-the-scenes tour of the animation powerhouse Pixar.

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this year's take will be less than the estimated \$90,000 raised at the last year's Garden Party, it comes as several families have left the school with its temporary relocation to the Portola Middle School campus and the ongoing financial problems within the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

"All in all it ran very smoothly. Everything went according to the way it was supposed to," said Laurie Ushigusa, co-chair of the Garden Party. "We expected to make less money this year. We knew we would. We have less kids in the school and less bidders, but all in all it was great."

In all, it took a total of about 200 volunteers, some working throughout the year to organize and plan the event, to pull it off.

KRON-TV's Jan Wahl once again took the gavel for the live auction, which more than 400 people attended.

Contributions from Alex Adelman and his online gallery Masterworks Fine Art, a perennial contributor to the community's effort, raised about \$10,000 alone. Adelman continues to donate to the event despite never having had a child at the school and no longer residing in Kensington.

A Picasso print of a dove that was

among the seven works Adelman donated sold for \$4,500, the largest amount of any item sold during the silent auction. The Dad's Club Work Party - a group of elementary school parents who know how to use tools and sold a day of their labor to the highest bidder - commanded \$1,500, the biggest price tag for a single item in the live auction.

Partygoers feasted on a wide variety of foods. Larry Lefebvre of Kensington Fine Foods served grilled salmon with beet vinaigrette, and El Cerrito Plaza's Pasta Pomodoro served Gemelli pasta with smoked chicken. Professional chef and Kensington parent Paul Lozito served braised short ribs and mashed potatoes. Bill Choy of Travelin' Joes made espresso drinks

Patty Coluse, who co-chaired the Garden Party, said she was grateful for the wide community support for the event that allowed it to be so successful.

"I just want to thank everybody -- all the volunteers and donors that made it possible," she said. "I'd also like to thank all the community members that came out to support the school. We were obviously down from last year, but considering we had a four day weekend, and enrollment is down, it was a big success."

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6 p.m.: Messiah Sing-A-Long

★ **Fri., Dec. 10 & Sat., Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.** —
A Christmas Entertainment by William Gibson: *The Butterfingers Angel*... A Gift of Love and Hope to the World

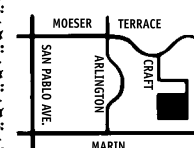
★ **Sunday, Dec. 12** —
12:30 p.m.: Santa Lucia Lunch and Holiday Craft Party
3 p.m.: *The Butterfingers Angel*... (see above)

★ **Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve:**
5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

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Obituaries

Former Kensington senior center director dies after collision in Washington

Virginia Walker, former director of the Kensington Senior Activity Center, died after suffering head and chest injuries from a collision near her home in Bellingham, Wash. She was 74.



Virginia Walker

Walker had been spending the day with her daughter Cynthia Burgner in the rural town of Stanwood. The accident occurred during rush hour as Walker made a left hand turn in her Nissan Altima eastbound onto the Stanwood-Camano Highway. A westbound Dodge Ram pick-up truck struck the driver's side. Emergency workers airlifted Walker to Harborview Trauma's intensive care unit in Seattle. She suffered multiple fractures and lacerations and died of complications from her injuries two days later. Following the accident, Burgner was treated for two broken ribs at Providence Colby Hospital in Everett and released.

Born in California May 13, 1930, Walker was the oldest daughter of John

Henry and Wilma Peterson Walker. She lived on the West Coast her entire life.

She raised four daughters and completed her education as a single working mother earning a B.A. in Art History from Mills College and Masters from John F. Kennedy University.

She relocated last year from Oakland to Bellingham, Wash. to be close to family.

Most recently Walker had been occupied spending time with loved ones and volunteering her help as an art docent, gourmet chef and activity coordinator for seniors living at Selah Family Home, a senior care home owned by her daughter Cynthia.

Her family and friends remember her as a spirited woman of great energy and intelligence, a self-proclaimed feminist and "assertive woman."

Walker is survived by her partner Yono Mork; her siblings Ted Walker and Gayla Walker Clark; daughters Cynthia Burgner, Terri Bonow, Lynette DeFelice, and Jamie Herman; and five grandchildren and five nieces and a nephew.

The family held a memorial event on Sunday November 7th at the Selah Family Home. At Walker's request she will be cremated and her ashes spread at sea. Anyone is welcomed to plant a tree in her memory. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be sent to the Sierra Club.

Henry Bayne, priest and microbiologist, dies at 78

Henry Bayne, a 41 year resident of Kensington, died October 12, after a long battle with cancer.

Born December 2, 1925 in New York City, Bayne attended Brooklyn College where he received both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Biology and active member of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

Following college, he worked as a Health Inspector for the New York Department of Health. In 1955, he moved to California, where he worked as a Microbiologist at the Western Regional Research Laboratory U.S. Department of Agriculture in Albany. He retired from there in 1987.

Bayne was ordained as a Priest in the Episcopal Church in 1968 and while working at the Western Regional Research Laboratory, served as Vicar of the Ministry for the Deaf. During his retirement, he served as Interim Rector in several parishes in the Bay Area and Associate Priest at All Souls Episcopal Parish in Berkeley.

Bayne served as a Boy Scout leader, lit-

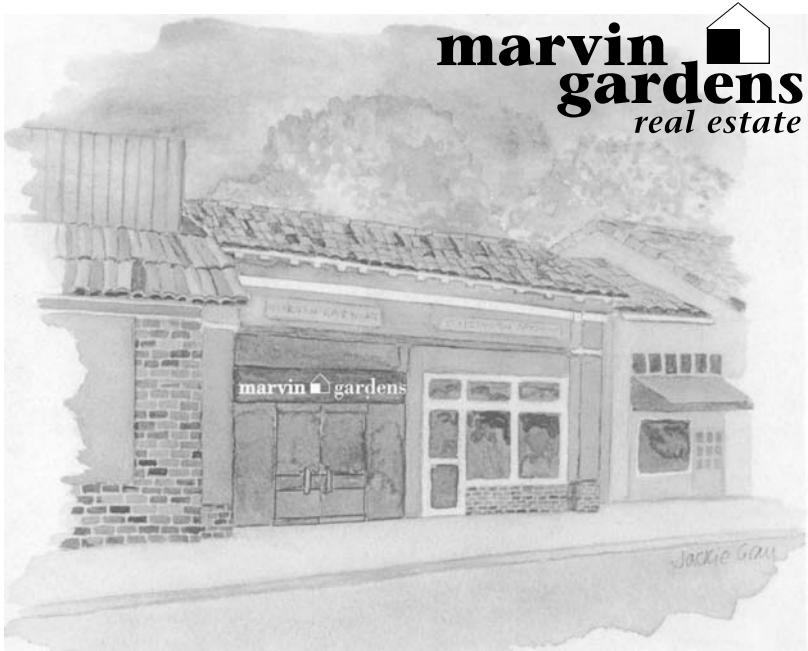


Henry Bayne

eracy tutor in the Literacy for Every Adult Program through the Richmond Public Library, and was an active member of the Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers. He enjoyed photography, traveling and calling on friends, calligraphy and taking pencil sketching, knitting, and guitar classes.

He leaves behind his wife Gloria Loftin Bayne, children, Steven and his wife, Helen Bayne; his daughter, Lisa Bellamy, and son Gordon and his wife Tamara; and four granddaughters and two sisters.

A memorial service was held on October 18 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Donations to the American Cancer Society may be made in his name.



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| December 4
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| December 10
8:00 p.m. | Bella Musica Concert featuring Rachmaninoff's Vespers—Requested donation: \$12 |
| December 11
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Artisans at Arlington (Arts and Crafts Show and Sale) |
| December 24
5:00 p.m. | Family Christmas Service with intergenerational Christmas Play |
| December 24
10:00 p.m. | Candlelight Christmas Service with handbells and carols |

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Friday, December 3

Auditions for Fear Not Angel will be held at the Arlington Community Church, United Church of Christ from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The play is about the miracle of Christmas as experienced by a sick girl who must stay home alone on Christmas Eve. There are several parts for a variety of ages. The play will be performed at the church's Family Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. December 24. For information or to reserve an audition slot call 526-9146

Sunday, December 5

Annual Art Show & Holly Fair from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. in Kensington. Info: 525-0302

Sunday, December 5

Personal Theology Seminar: Elizabeth Lloyd Mayer, author of Extraordinary Knowing: Making Sense of the Inexplicable, a recent release. Spiritual Renewal through

Celebration at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302

Monday, December 6

Computer Literacy: Introduction to the computer mouse at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info :524-3043.

Monday, December 6

The Kensington Community Council meets at the Kensington Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Info: 525-0292

Tuesday, December 7

Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Wednesday, December 8

Kensington Fire Protection District meets at 7:30 in the Kensington Community Center. Call to Confirm: 527-8395

Thursday, December 9

The Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 526-4141

Saturday, December 11

The Kensington Symphony, Geoffrey Gallegos, Conductor. Bharati Soman, soprano perform Mozart, Rimsky-Korsakov, Vaughn-Williams, and others. 8 p.m. at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Suggested donation: \$10; seniors, \$8. Children free. (510) 524-4335.

Sunday, December 12

Personal Theology Seminar: Dennis Kuby, the first Unitarian Universalist Minister of Ecology, editor of a new edition of *Meditations of Marcus Aurelius, an activist in the Civil Rights Movement*. If Marcus Aurelius Were President, What Would he do? This Pantheistic Existentialist Might Surprise you at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info: 525-0302

Sunday, December 12

Santa Lucia Lunch and Craft Party at 12:15 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. in Kensington. Info: 525-0302

Saturday, December 12

The Young People's Chamber Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sponsored by The Friends of the Kensington Library. Info: 524-3043

Monday, December 13

Computer Literacy: Basic on-line searching at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info :524-3043.

Tuesday, December 14

Network High School Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley performs holiday music at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sponsored by The Friends of the Kensington Library. Info: 524-3043

Thursday, December 16

Holiday Tree Trim: Make crafts and help decorate the Kensington Library's tree from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored by The Friends of the Kensington Library. Info: 524-3043

Sunday, December 19

Personal Theology Seminar: Sarah Lewis: teacher of spirituality at New College and Graduate Theological Union, Spiritual Director, Personal Metaphors of the Christmas Season at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302

Monday, December 20

Computer Literacy: Introduction to the library catalog: how to find books, check your library record and request items from other branches at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info :524-3043.

Tuesday, December 21

Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Friday, December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 p.m. (family) and 10 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. in Kensington. Info: 525-0302

Sunday, December 26

Personal Theology Seminar: Jeremy Taylor: Unitarian Universalist minister, founder of an internationally acclaimed method of dream work, Dreams, Myth, and Social Justice: Living in a World Overflowing with Beauty and Terror at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302

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Monday, December 27
Computer Literacy: How to set up a free e-mail account that is accessible from the library or any on-line computer at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Sign up for a seat. Info:524-3043.

Tuesday, December 28
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Tuesday, December 28
Kensington Municipal Advisory Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 273-9926

Friday, December 31
New Year's Eve Worship Service at 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. in Kensington. Info: 525-0302

Sunday, January 2
Personal Theology Seminar: Sarah Lewis, A Contemplative Approach to the New Year: Choosing Life at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302

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Monday, January 3
Computer Literacy: Word processing basics using Microsoft WordPad at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info :524-3043.

Tuesday, January 6
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Tuesday, December 7, 2004
Berkeley Chamber Performances: DUO CONCERTANTE. Anita Fetsch Felix, violin; Wolfgang Fetsch, piano. Beethoven, Prokofiev and others at 8 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. \$20. (510) 525-5211.

Sunday, January 9
Personal Theology Seminar: Emily Champagne, Unitarian Universalist minister, Ph.D. Candidate at Graduate Theological Union in the Hebrew Bible, The Bible and Unitarian Universalist Values at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302

Monday, January 10
The Kensington Library presents Larry H. Marietta, Director of the San Francisco City Chorus, who will discuss opera at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043.

Monday, January 10
The Kensington Study Group of the League of Women Voters, West Contra Costa County will hold its next meeting on January 10th, 2005, at 1:15 p.m., at the home of Pat McLaughlin, 30 Stratford Road, Kensington. Call to confirm: 525-5187.

Monday, January 10
The Kensington Community Council holds its annual meeting at the Kensington Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Come hear presentations from a variety of community groups. See article on page 3. Info: 525-0292

Wednesday, January 12
Kensington Fire Protection District meets at 7:30 in the Kensington Community Center. Call to Confirm: 527-8395

Tuesday, January 13
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Thursday, January 13
The Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 526-4141

Sunday, January 16
Personal Theology Seminar: Ron Nakasone, Professor of Buddhism at Graduate School of Theology, grandson of a shaman in Okinawa, The Indigenous Religions of Okinawa at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302

Monday, January 17
Computer Literacy: Word processing basics using Microsoft WordPad at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info :524-3043.

Tuesday, January 18
Eve Abbott, author, consultant, speaker, and Organizer Extraordinaire will show you how to save time, solve your organizing dilemmas, and provide tips on how to escape from paper piles and information overload 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Info: 526-7512.

Tuesday, January 20
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Sunday, January 23
Personal Theology Seminar: Cathleen Cox Burneo, Community Minister of Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, Jesus, a Peasant with Attitude at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302

A Holiday Treat



A Christmas Entertainment by William Gibson: *The Butterfingers Angel... A gift of Love and Hope to the World* will be performed at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley at 1 Lawson Rd. in Kensington will be performed Friday, December 10 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, December 11 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 12 at 3 p.m.

Monday, January 24
Computer Literacy: How to do your own on-line medical research at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info :524-3043.

Tuesday, January 25
Kensington Municipal Advisory Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 273-9926

Tuesday, January 27
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Sunday, January 30
Personal Theology Seminar: Jim Burneo, Masters Degree, Institute of Culture and Creation Spirituality, Inquiries into the Historical Jesus at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302

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From the case files of the KPD

This report is based on the police logs of the Kensington Police Department. The Outlook is solely responsible for the writing and editing of this report.
Events in October

○A Norwood resident reported an annoying solicitor selling magazines door-to-door. Police contacted the salesman, who did not have a permit, and told him to stop. A similar complaint about another salesman, who was not as annoying, led to the police telling him to also stop.

○A Fire hydrant shot water into the air after a hit and run driver knocked it from its base on Beverly and Stratford.

○A Kingston Rd. resident reported the theft of a \$140 bike left in front of his home.

○An Oak view Rd. resident reported the theft of a \$200 bike from her side yard.

○A woman on Arlington Ave. called police for advice about a possible civil matter regarding her desire to repossess from her ex-boyfriend an automobile that is jointly registered in their names. Unfortunately she was past the point of advice that could have been most helpful.

○Police arrested a 52-year-old San Francisco man for driving under the influence after running a stop sign at Sunset and Arlington Avenues. His blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

○A Berkeley woman who was picking up mail from her in-laws home on Arlington Ave. told police that her brother-in-law, who reportedly is not welcome in the family, has been entering the home and taking food.

○A resident reported the theft of a wallet containing \$300 and a social security card from an unlocked Volvo at Kensington Park.

○Police responded to a disturbance on Amherst Ave. when a landscaper sought to collect money he believed was owed him for work performed. Police calmed the landscaper and the resident paid him half of the disputed amount. Police provided the landscaper a courtesy ride out of town.

○Police responded to a report of possible animal cruelty involving a dog locked in a pick-up on Lake Drive with the window rolled up. Police discovered that the motor was running and the pooch in question had the benefit of air conditioning. It is unclear whether the animal was forced to listen to country music.

○A registered sex offender re-registered with the Kensington Police as required by law annually

○A Lake Dr. resident reported the theft of a boat and trailer with a combined value of \$4,500. The boat was parked on the street

○A 14-year-old boy attempting to walk the bus route he normally takes to his grandmother's home in Richmond, contacted police after he became lost. A reserve officer drove the boy there.

○Police found a stolen 1991 Toyota Tercel valued at \$2,000 parked on Kensington Court.

○Police responded to a woman on Ocean View Ave. who called to say her son had locked himself in the bathroom. When police arrived an officer turned the knob and the door opened.

○A woman called police to report a suspicious male approximately 18 years old had knocked on her door and said he was in a work program trying to get out of the gutter. He asked her "Is the big man home?" She said, no, she was alone with her son. She reported the incident the following day. The Kensington Outlook advises such incidents should be reported immediately and that if a stranger comes to the door and asks, "Is the big man home?" the correct answer is "He's out back cleaning his gun and he gets real ornery if anyone disturbs him while he is doing that."

○Police detained a Highland Blvd. resident after serving a no-bail warrant. While serving the warrant they discovered it had already been served.

○A Colusa Ave. woman called police after the friend of a roommate refused to leave her home even though the roommate was gone. The roommate's friend decided to leave before police arrived.

○Police responded to a fire alarm on Oak View Ave. The door was open and no one was home. The officer successful traced a burning smell to some very, very, very hard boiled eggs left cooking on the stove.

○An employee of Semifreddis called police after a customer tried to pay for items with a \$20 bill believed to be fake. The employee noticed smudged ink and used a special pen to test the bill. The customer left the store with the bill after complaining that other merchants had accepted the same currency.

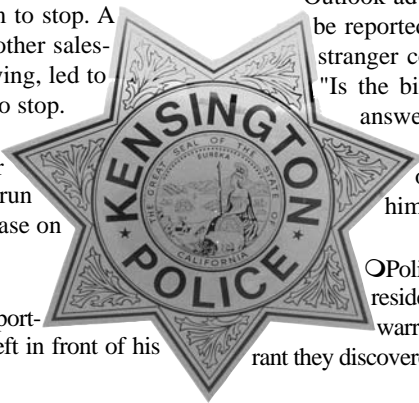
○A Highland Blvd. resident reported the theft of a 2000 Dodge Intrepid valued at \$26,000 and a \$2000 laptop inside the vehicle. Vacaville police later recovered the vehicle.

○A Los Altos Dr. resident complained her landlord became physical when a friend visiting her parked in front of the house. Though the woman declined to do so, police advised the landlord in the future she could make a citizen's arrest, which would leave him to make his way home from the county jail in Martinez.

○Beloit Ave. resident called police about a man dressed only in shorts seeking help at around 2:30 a.m. The man had fled a female friend's home where the two were lying in bed. The woman, who normally lives with her husband in Oakland, was staying in the home she had recently inherited. Her husband had discovered the two and became violent. Police arrested the husband on battery charges and obtained an emergency protective order for the woman.

Police, observing a suspicious van at 5 a.m., began a chase after it refused to pull over for running a stop sign. The van raced through streets, hitting one parked vehicle on Coventry Rd. and ending in a crash on Buchanan St. in Albany. The driver fled on foot and jumped in the bay. The van was not registered to the driver, but the two other passengers in the vehicle identified him. The information was supported by the fact that the driver's name appeared on an envelope under the front seat addressed to him at the county jail, where he soon may be able to receive additional mail.

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